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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 37, 39, 44, 46-48, 51, 55 and 56 are pending and believed in condition for allowance.

In the Official Communication mailed May 9, 2008, in a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 CFR 1.121, the Examiner checks paragraphs 4C and 4E: "Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier . . ." "See Claim 39." Accordingly, Applicant has corrected the status for Claim 39 to read: "Currently Amended."

Applicant corrected an inadvertent typographical error wherein a semi-colon appeared at the end of Claim 39. Applicant restored the period to the end of Claim 39, and stated that the Claim "previously presented" had a period at the end. The correction of punctuation should have been regarded as "Currently Amended;" accordingly, this change has been made to the status of Claim 39.

The remarks and arguments that follow are as previously submitted on October 25, 2007.

Applicant has amended Claim 37 to remove "of" and correct an inadvertent grammatical error. Applicant presents the remaining claims 39, 44, 46-48, 51, 55 and 56 without the deleted materials and underlined insertions. Applicant has canceled Claim 45 which was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(e) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim and further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Evans et al. article teaching what "appears" to be a ... "hollow tube ... about 100 nm across." Accordingly, the objections and rejection of Claim 45 is now moot; withdrawal of the objections and rejection of Claim 45 is respectfully requested.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 37, 44-48, and 51 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 - 14 of U.S. Patent No.

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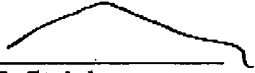
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6,787,229, on October 25, 2007, Applicant enclosed a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent that is commonly owned by the University of Central Florida with common inventorship. A copy of Applicant's Terminal Disclaimer is attached as Exhibit A. Thus, any patent granted on the present application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the commonly owned patent, U.S. 6,787,229 is enforceable. It is understood that the rejection of canceled claim 45 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting is moot. However, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 37, 44, 46-48, and 51 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 - 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,787,229.

The application and Claims 37, 39, 44, 46-48, 51, 55 and 56 are believed in condition for allowance; allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to contact the attorney at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,



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In re Application of: NAZIM MURADOV

Application No.: 10/623,227

Filed: 07/18/2003

For: PORTABLE HYDROGEN GENERATOR FUEL CELL APPARATUS

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